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cc: ARP
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TO: The Secretary

FROM: T - James L. Buckley

SUBJECT: Strategy for Congressional Consultations on Saudi Enhancement Package

We are developing a comprehensive and detailed game plan for presenting the Saudi enhancement package to the Congress.

I have asked PM to take the lead on working with DOD to ensure that we are prepared to address the security, military and technical issues which are likely to arise. In this connection, we will be giving special attention to the proposed sale of the AWACS surveillance system, the military rationale for it, its consequences for Israeli security, and opportunities for joint US-Saudi operations before and after the projected 1985 delivery of the Saudi AWACS.

I also have asked H to take the lead on developing a concrete plan and timetable for consultations with the Congress. This will include plans for consultations with opposition leaders.

Beyond these respectively technical and tactical groups, I will rely heavily on NEA, both in our preparations and in the actual work on the Hill. I will maintain overall responsibility for coordinating these efforts.

A detailed program of action will be available for your review when we return from the trip to the Middle East.

cc: PM - Mr. Burt
H - Mr. Fairbanks
NEA - Amb. Veliotes

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